

 <p>MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM</p> <p>CHILD CARE CENTERS POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL</p>	ISSUED 3/91	REVISED 6/14	CHAPTER 2	SECTION 2.1
CHAPTER Chapter 2. Eligibility Requirements	SUBJECT Private Non-Profit Centers			

To be eligible to participate in the CACFP, Private Non-Profit Centers Must:

- Have tax exempt status under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) of 1986.
- Provide non-residential care. In other words, the same children cannot be cared for more than 24 hours on a regular basis.
- Be licensed by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services – Section for Child Care Regulation (MDHSS-SCCR) or licensed by a branch of the Federal government as a child care center.
- Be license-exempt as a religious organization or nursery school that has met the appropriate inspections or permits to certify that all State and local health and safety standards and requirements are met at all times.

The tax-exempt status must be verified by submitting the determination letter, commonly referred to as Form 501c3 from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) with the initial application to the CACFP.

Organizations holding Missouri tax exempt status with the Secretary of State's office without holding the Federal IRS tax exemption are not eligible to participate in the CACFP. The institution may participate without tax exempt status if it is part of a military operation or is currently operating another Federal program which requires non-profit status, such as Head Start.

Current law and regulations limit participation in the CACFP to centers providing non-residential child care. When an emergency temporary residential situation occurs, the children may continue to be considered "non-residential" for program purposes. Reimbursement may be claimed by the provider for the meals served to these children within program limits, for a maximum of three consecutive calendar days.

Each institution shall accept final administrative and financial responsibility for Program operations. Institutions cannot contract out for the entire management of the Program. The institution cannot simultaneously participate in the CACFP and other Federal Child Nutrition programs such as the National School Meal Programs or Special Milk Program. A single meal may not be supported by funds from both the CACFP and the National School Breakfast or Lunch Program(s) or the After School Snack Program.

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